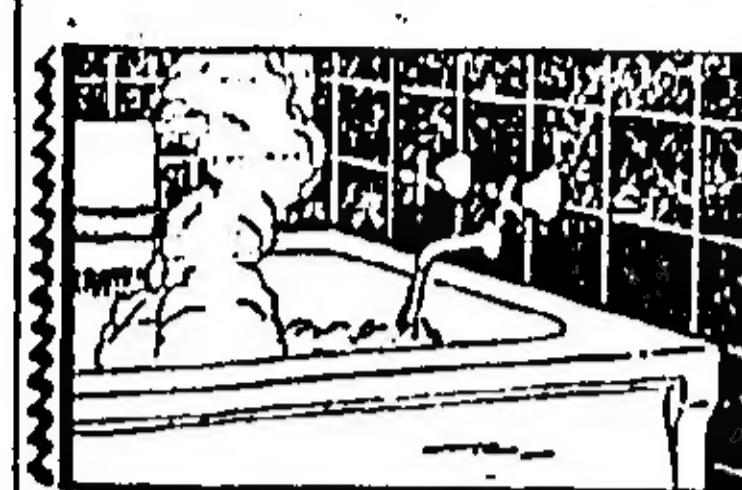


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## ANTI-DUMPING BILL'S FIRST READING.

DOES NOT APPLY  
TO EMPIRE.

## LABOUR HOSTILE.

London, Nov. 17. The Government manifested its policy of Imperial Preference to-day. It was officially announced that none of the provisions of the Anti-Dumping Bill will apply to the Dominions, whose imports will have a hundred per cent. preference.

As under the ordinary procedure of the House in dealing with financial business it would take a fortnight to pass into law the legislation announced yesterday by the President of Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, in connexion with abnormal importations, the Government to-day received the approval of the House for exceptional procedure by which the necessary financial resolution, and the first reading of Bill will be taken to-night, the second reading to-morrow and the remaining stages on Thursday. The Bill is expected to receive the Royal Assent on Friday night.

**Enormous Imports.**  
Moving the financial resolution in Committee of Ways and Means to-night, Mr. Runciman said that when the importations were first brought to the Government's notice they were exceptional, but they had "since increased in volume considerably."

Figures showed that even after allowing for all seasonal operations there was an enormous increase for October, and still more in the early part of November.

Under these circumstances, the Government were bound to take the steps which he described yesterday.

**Labour Hostility.**  
The Labour Party's hostility to the anti-dumping proposals was manifested when, after Mr. Stanley Baldwin had moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to permit quick passage, Mr. George Lansbury moved the rejection of the motion.

It was, however, carried by 396 votes to 51.

The financial resolution which is required as the basis for the Bill, said the Measure empowered the Board of Trade to impose customs duties up to 100 per cent. on articles imported in abnormal quantities.

This covered all articles except food, drink, tobacco, raw materials and manufactured articles which were mainly unmanufactured.

**First Reading.**

Later. The House passed Mr. Runciman's financial resolution through all stages, and afterwards gave first reading the Anti-Dumping Bill, which is officially known as the abnormal importation Customs Bill.

The text of the Bill, which was subsequently published, lays down that where the Board of Trade is satisfied that there are abnormal quantities of goods, falling within the scope of the Bill, being imported, it may issue an order applying the Bill to them, but such an order must be laid before the House of Commons within 28 days of the date of its issue.—Reuter.

## STABILISATION OF POUND.

### GOVERNMENT NOT READY.

London, Nov. 17. In the House of Commons, at question time, the Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated that there were a number of important conditions, some not subject to the Government's control, which must be satisfied before the stabilisation of sterling in terms of gold could be contemplated.

Government's immediate object was to balance the budget, to rectify the adverse trade balance, and to maintain the internal purchasing power of the pound.

Replying to another question, he said that for reasons already stated, the Government did not consider any useful purpose would be served by calling an international conference on silver.—British Wireless.

## CURRENCY REPORT STRONGLY CRITICISED.

Designed in the Interests of Parasites of Modern Industrialism.

## SACRIFICE OF THE MAJORITY.

## LOCAL BUSINESS MAN'S OUTBURST.

## FIRST COLD DOUCHE.

**THE APATHETIC AFFABILITY** of Anglo-Saxon acquiescence is indicated by a strong critic of the Report of the Clegg Currency Mission as one of the reasons for the fact that such conclusions were possible.

Writing this morning, he declares that the Report suggests that the only interests in this Colony worthy of any consideration at all are those of the parasites of modern industrialism—the middlemen and speculators. The "obvious fallacies" of the Mission's deductions are dealt with in some detail.

We also give an amplification of the proposals of the Currency Mission regarding the reform of the currency system, and an interesting summary of the movements of funds, showing that the inward movement of gold currencies generally exceeds the outward flow.

## REFORM SCHEME AMPLIFIED.

It would appear, says Outgoer, from the Currency Mission's Report that the only interests in this Colony worthy of any consideration at all are those of the parasites of modern industrialism—the middlemen and the speculators.

The local producer and the distributor of the necessities of life, the financial affairs of our government, the prosperity of our ship-building and repair yards, the possible bankruptcy of coastal shipping concerns, the hardship inflicted upon the wives and families of our seafarers, fighting services and commercial wage earners, the financial ruinment of local investors, wholesale disruption of commodity prices and the stupendous depreciation in the value of our banks' silver reserves—all these are swept aside as negligible considerations.

**Rampantly Bloodthirsty.**

One would not feel so rampantly bloodthirsty about the business if the minority, to which the interests of the community are being sacrificed, had comprised British people who were handling British products.

As far as I can see this Colony is being run and protected in the interests of the Empire's competitors.

Take the line of commodities with which I am remotely connected—a line which happens to be booming at home at the moment. I can conduct you around Hongkong and show you a British Colony flooded with Japanese, German and Japanese stuff that, as far as quality goes, is unworthy of a coolie hire to a rubbish heap in comparison with the Old Country's output.

The only meaning patriotism appears to have for people in this part of the world is gun salutes, uniforms and Government social functions.

However, we must exercise self-control and submit to the inevitable. The currency mission has decided definitely against stabilisation and the only thing left for us is to try and get a little satisfaction from drawing attention to the obvious fallacies in their deductions.

**Exchange Risks.**  
The point they emphasise is that the gold-silver exchange risks involved in importation would be thrown upon the dealer in South China. Does he not at present pay for the risk somebody has to

## GANDHI WANTS ALL.

## Control of the Army.

## THE ROUND TABLE DEBATE.

London, Nov. 17. Gandhi demanded complete control of all the affairs of India during to day in the Round Table Federal Structure Committee, on the so-called reserved subjects.

Lord Reading referred to the proposal by Pandit Malaviya that complete control of the army should lie with an Indian Minister, who would be responsible to the Legislature, and that the Governor-General's only right of intervention would be in an emergency by suspending the constitution. Lord Reading said it would place the Governor-General in a most awkward predicament and would be unacceptable to him if it did not make that exception.

It was essential that if responsibility at the centre was to be conferred upon the Indian Legislature, which he himself desired, the Army must be in the hands of the Governor-General and that the Minister must be responsible to him. Any proposal for responsible Government would be unacceptable to him if it did not make that exception.

New Mentality.

It was a mistake to assume that conditions were to be the same after they got a new constitution, as hitherto. They must get into a different mentality and he hoped that when the Legislature was constituted and the Federal constitution was in existence, it would be found that so far from there being conflict or hostility between the Minister and the Governor-General, there would be most friendly co-operation and continuous consultation.

He did not care what means were adopted for this purpose provided that the control and the responsibility for the Army remained with the Governor-General throughout, and that he had the right of appointing an adviser who would not be a member of the cabinet in the strict sense, because he would be responsible to the Governor-General and not to the Legislature.

**Gandhi Wants Full Control.**

Lord Sankey drew attention to a paragraph in the last report which stated there was a general agreement that the assumption by India of all the powers and responsibilities hitherto resting on Parliament, could not be made at one step, and that during the period of transition the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and must be given powers necessary to implement his decisions.

Mr. Gandhi said the Congress case was that there should be complete responsibility transferred to India. That meant there should be complete control of over the Army and external affairs, but it also contemplated adjustments. The whole Army should be disbanded if it did not pass under their control in its entirety.

Lord Sankey said Gandhi was asking them to take a terrible responsibility in urging the withdrawal of the army or its reduction.

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## JAPAN'S ATTITUDE STIFFENS.

## MUCH ACTIVITY BEHIND SCENES AT PARIS MEETING.

## FORCEFUL MEASURES IN THE AIR AGAIN.

Paris, Nov. 17.

Japanese have been temporarily thrown back from Sanchienfangtze. Simultaneously the conflict between the Japanese and Manchurian troops near the Nonni River bridge was resumed, and yesterday the Chinese officers at Angangchi reported that the Japanese had advanced to within ten miles of Angangchi.

Martial law has been proclaimed part in the discussions, consisting of a most elaborate comparison of the two standpoints, but the Council decided there was insufficient data as regards the recognition of treaties, which Japan demands.

The delegates expressed the opinion that some of the treaties were purely economical, raising the question of interpretation rather than validity, and therefore a great advance would be secured if the actual points in dispute were isolated.

Practical Solution Urgent.

The feeling in Chinese quarters in Paris continues to be that a practical solution of the present situation is the more urgent, and that theoretical questions such as treaties should be reserved for ultimate discussion when there is no further risk of bloodshed.

There was much activity behind the scenes after the League Council meeting to-day, two very interesting interviews being between Mr. Matsudaira and Sir John Simon and Dr. Alfred Sze and General Dawes.—Reuter.

Flat Denied But—

Washington, Nov. 17. Though Mr. Stimson flatly denied a newspaper story that assurances have been given the Japanese Ambassador that the United States will not follow the League in an economic boycott of Japan, or withdraw its diplomatic representatives from Japan, the United States has decided to think for itself over the question of eventual sanctions.

That is obvious from the explanation given by Mr. Stimson to-day that General Dawes is staying out of the League Council meetings in Paris, because the United States is "not ready to decide how far it will accompany the League towards forceful measures against Japan."—Reuter.

Three-Hour Battle.

Harbin, Nov. 18. Six Chinese soldiers were reportedly killed and one corporal fatally wounded, following a serious three-hour battle on Monday when Japanese cavalry clashed with the Hailungkang Brigade under Commander Fan at Sanchienfangtze. The Japanese cavalry were assisted by bombing aeroplanes which greatly contributed to their success. Chinese official despatches claim that the

French INCREASE TARIFFS.

DOUBLE AND TREBLE OLD DUTIES.

Paris, Nov. 17.

The French Government has tabled an urgent Bill increasing the importation tax on semi-manufactured articles from two per cent. to four per cent, and on wholly finished articles, from two to six per cent. The tax on raw materials remains at two per cent.—Reuter.

## HENRY PU YI'S ABDUCTION.

## CHINA'S NOTE TO LEAGUE.

## JAPANESE PLOT ALLEGED.

Nanking, Nov. 18.

Accusing Japanese of kidnapping the ex-Emperor, Pu Yi, with the intention of establishing a bogus Manchu government, the National Government has sent a statement to the League of Nations, in which it declares that it will, in the event of such a bogus authority being established, regard it as a seditious institution.

The text of the statement reads:

"It is reported that during recent disturbances in Tientsin created by rioters who made use of the Japanese Concession as a base for their preparation, the deposed Emperor, Henry Pu Yi, of the former Manchu dynasty, was kidnapped and escorted from the Japanese Concession by Japanese, for the establishment of a bogus government with himself as Emperor."

"The National Government has already declared, through the League, to the governments of friendly Powers, that the National Government and the people will not recognise any institution established in such a fashion in Chinese territory."

"In the event of the establishment of Pu Yi's bogus government being confirmed, the National Government will regard it as a seditious institution, and as an auxiliary of the Japanese Government.

"All actions of such a government will be repudiated by the National Government, and the entire responsibility of such actions will be laid on the shoulders of the Japanese Government."—Reuter.

## FAN TAN IN THE STREET.

## BANKER & CROUCHIER ARRESTED.

A fan tan party held on a public road at Wongnei-chong yesterday was interrupted by the arrival of Chinese detectives, who took the two principals into custody and charged them before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with being the banker and croupier respectively.

It was stated that they had attracted a large school comprised mostly of earth coolies.

The defendants were fined \$7 and \$10 respectively, with alternative terms of imprisonment, while an order was also made for the confiscation of \$3.80 seized and of the gambling paraphernalia.

## GENERAL SMUTS.

## ELECTED RECTOR OF ST. ANDREWS.

London, Nov. 17. General Smuts was to-day elected Rector of the Scottish University of St. Andrews.—British Wireless.

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

## FURTHER REDUCTION OF 20,000.

London, Nov. 17. The Ministry of Labour figures issued to-night show a further decline in the number of unemployed of over twenty thousand since the previous week.—British Wireless.



A photograph showing the site purchased by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company in the outskirts of Kowloon for the development of a model residential area. The entire area enclosed by the roads of the picture is included in the site, which is 1,000,000 square feet in extent. It will take five years to complete the plan for the construction of this large residential area.

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ROTARIAN'S AMUSING  
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AMONG THE HEAD  
HUNTERS.

How Formosa head hunters came to the belief that Enos Fruit Salts were efficacious for attracting evil spirits and thereby assisting in their destruction, was but one of several amusing experiences related by Mr. Julian Arnold, Commercial Attaché of the American Legation, when addressing yesterday's luncheon of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests in addition to the speaker: Mr. W. J. Dymont (Yokohama), and Messrs. W. H. Clark, E. M. Raymond, F. Burge and J. Wattie (all of Hongkong).

Sir William continued that, in accordance with their wishes, he laid a wreath on the Cenotaph and on the Memorial Arch on Armistice Day.

In his absence, he continued, they had decided to hold an annual dinner to which ladies would be invited, with perhaps, some songs or a cabaret entertainment and, later, dancing. He announced that the dinner had been arranged for Wednesday, December 9, and that His Excellency the Governor, Patron of the Club, had very kindly consented to be present and to present the Club's Charter.

The Chairman also announced that a ticket in the Manchester November Bazaar, in connexion with the Irish Hospitals, had been discovered in the tea room after the Club's last meeting, the number being BUD 3948. If anyone wished to claim the ticket he could do so, but added he would suggest that the ticket be put aside as it should win the Rotary Club would be so wealthy that they would, perhaps, be able to build a hospital for the Government or something of that kind, which is very badly needed. (Laughter).

He went on to say that the Rev. Dr. P. Bruce Thornton should have spoken about "The Canadian West" but he had been taken ill; and Mr. Julian Arnold had consented to speak in his stead. He had been in China for about 30 years and was going to tell them something about his experiences as Commercial Attaché "in this bewildering country."

Mr. Arnold's Address.

Mr. Arnold said:—It is a great pleasure to me as member of the Shanghai Rotary Club to be here to-day, as it is the first opportunity I have had of sitting with you, and it is gratifying to note the enthusiasm with which this organisation has gone forward.

Years ago, when I was in the Customs Service, that is before I joined the Department of Commerce as Commercial Attaché, I was associated with Mr. Jimmy Davidson, who was then American but who has since become Canadian for business or other reasons I suppose (Laughter) and he and I were in Shanghai together.

We lived together as bachelors. Jim was a great organiser and I was not surprised at his trying to crack this hard nut in connexion with the formation of the Hongkong Rotary Club. (Laughter). His great joy when he came back to Shanghai, after telling us of his experiences in the South Sea Islands and other places with names you could not pronounce where he had organised Rotary Clubs, was his accomplishment in organising the Hongkong Rotary Club in which he took great pride. (Laughter).

Organising Days.

We were in Shanghai together in the days when there were very few motor cars there. In fact I think there were only six. He was the chauffeur and he and I drove round a great deal together in days when there were no traffic regulations, when we ran up a few lamp posts and telegraph poles. Jim

organized the Automobile Club of China with six automobile members. (Laughter).

He was laid up in hospital afterwards with typhoid fever and when he was convalescing with a rather attractive nurse he induced her to organise a Nurses' Association (Laughter) so he just can't help it. It is born in him.

Jim was at the Consulate in Formosa for many years and he wrote a book on Formosa (Laughter) which was another weakness he had, and his wife evidently contracted the same weakness, shall I call it, in writing in the Rotarian Magazine of a trip round the world.

I succeeded him in Formosa.

in the Consulate there where I had my first experience in trade development, which probably encouraged me to take up my present position of Commercial Attaché.

Simple Savages.

Some 25 years ago party of us made a tour of the savage country of Formosa, when we scaled Mount Morris, 13,290 feet, having the distinction of being the first white people to go there in the heart of the savage country of head hunters.

Our little party was held up by rain so some of the days we had to spend in a savage village. One of the members of the party was out scouting around and he fell into a trap set for wild boar and cut his ankle. We had some nice white gauze with which we bandaged it up and the savages rather fancied the gauze, it being entirely strange to them.

After a while some of them went off and came back with gashes in their arms, having deliberately cut themselves in order to get themselves decorated with this nice white gauze. We decorated as many as we could. Then the old Chief, who was sitting there watching with wistful eyes, developed a headache and wanted a piece of the gauze put round his head as a crown. We were running pretty low on this gauze and we decided, instead, to give him a dose of Enos Fruit Salts. We took out a substantial dose—a good handful—and put it in a bit of this gauze.

Through our Amoy cook, who acted as interpreter, we managed to tell him "Now, this is good for your headache so you had better take it."

"Spirits" Buried.

The Chief made a nice big bag of it with deer skin and hung it round his neck with the bag on his chest. After a time, due to the rain, the Enos Fruit Salts started effervescing in the bag and their idea was this was due to the evil spirits entering the bag. When the bag had swelled up to a nice big size, and he thought all the evil spirits were inside it, he buried the bag and in the excitement he lost his headache. (Laughter).

After this, Enos Fruit Salts was at a premium and we disposed of the rest of the bottle for all kinds of things, including two suits and bones. (Laughter).

Corsets For Chinese.

As Commercial Attaché for our Department of Commerce I have had some very interesting enquiries from time to time from the United States. I remember that, not long ago, one firm, a manufacturer of corsets enquired about corsets, having read of the revolutionary ideas of Chinese women, and he pictured these women taking to corsets. He figured there were 450,000,000 people, he thought there would be about 80,000,000 adult women in China and that, he felt, was a good number to work on for a start on mass production of corsets. He wanted information about Chinese women wearing corsets. I had to reply that I had no inside information (Laughter) and that I would refer his enquiry to the Minister of the Interior. (Laughter). I have not heard from him or from Nanking yet. (Laughter). He may be investigating the subject for all I know. (Laughter).

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## FRENCH PREMIER IN AMERICA.



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This picture shows the arrival of Pierre Laval, the French prime minister, in New York for his conference with President Hoover on world economic problems. Laval, left, is seated in an automobile with Henry L. Stimson, America's secretary of State.

## GUILTY LIPS

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Their money is soon gone, partly due to Mark's gambling. With poor borrowed funds, Norma and Holly start a small shop on a corner of pleasure seeking instead of hunting work. When their funds dwindle again, he and Norma have to a cheap room in New York. Holly's mother comes. Then he becomes a door-to-door in Biscuitade's department store. In spite of poverty, the young couple have a happy time.

Mark's father offers to take him back into his own company if Mark will prove he can make good. His first task is to take a long trip to France. Norma is to remain at home. She is frightened but cannot persuade Mark to give up the opportunity. With his parents she goes to the railway station and sees him off part on the few weeks' trip.

## CHAPTER XXX

Travers led the way through the station and his wife followed beside Norma. Mr. Travers said as they stepped out on the side-walk, "Harvey has the car over at the right."

Everything before Norma was a blur. She followed Mrs. Travers into the limousine. She sat close to the window and stared out at the street. There were men and women passing. Taxicabs and trucks and other vehicles. The whole scene before the girl's eyes became a maelstrom of haze. She tried to winkle back the tears but they persisted.

Her father-in-law was saying something to his wife. Norma did not hear what it was. Then she was aware that they were moving away from the station.

Somewhere in the distance train whistles tattered faster and faster carrying Mark away from her. Mark was gone! There had been that last moment when she had seen him smiling back at her from the car platform. Waving and smiling. Now he was gone and she would not see him for five weeks. Five weeks—it seemed endless, impossible!

Norma clutched her hands together tightly. She could not cry out now. She could not give way and sob out the terror in her heart. She could only sit there gripping her icy fingers, telling herself over and over that she must manage to keep from breaking down before these strangers. Yes, they were strangers and they hated her.

The girl's lips became a tightly pressed line of crimson, struggling to steady itself but frequently trembling.

Mark was moving farther away every minute. Nearer and nearer to New York and the ocean liner that was to put the Atlantic between them.

Five weeks made up of moments as long as each of these? Five weeks of torture and uncertainty?

Suddenly she realized that the car had stopped. Mr. Travers was getting out.

"Be home around six," he said over his shoulder. "Needn't come for me, Harvey. I'll stop at the club and ride out with Summerville." He moved clumsily as he got to the sidewalk and turned away without a backward glance.

The chauffeur looked questioningly toward Mrs. Travers.

"You may take us home, Harvey." The woman sighed as she spoke. "Such a day!" she murmured to Norma. "I had to rush away from luncheon. Meeting trains and waiting in stations is loathsome, don't you think so? I'll be glad to have my tea."

The girl did not answer. Mrs. Travers gave her a searching glance, then went on. "I want to tell you I think you've acted sensi-

## RIOTERS KEEP LONDON POLICE BUSY.



The calm peace of the British Museum was disturbed by the shouts of unemployment demonstrators until, as pictured here, London police arrived on foot and horseback to disperse the rioters outside the famous building. The police are shown charging the crowds after they had refused to heed orders to break up.



Unemployed British miners are shown above standing outside a labour exchange office just before receiving their weekly doles.

sibly in this matter, my dear. So foolish to become emotional. Shows a lack of breeding. Of course I was a Randolph before my marriage.

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Now and then the girl nodded, murmuring a "yes" or "no." If Mrs. Travers had been observant, she might have been nettled that her words created so slight an impression. Mrs. Travers was not observant. To her it was inconceivable that anyone should fail to be awed by the splendors of the Randolphs.

The limousine slowed and turned into the drive at the side of the Travers residence. It halted before three steps leading to the entrance. Harvey was holding the door open, waiting for them to descend.

"You can put the car up," Mrs. Travers told him as she swept forward. "I won't need it again."

The haze of unreality faded before Norma. The brick mansion was as forbidding as it had been when she had visited it before but it was real enough. Tompkins, a servant whose face she remembered, met them in the hall.

"Have there been any messages?" Mrs. Travers demanded. "Did any one call?"

"No, Madam."

The older woman turned toward Norma. "Tompkins will show you your room," she said. "It's in the west wing and I hope you'll find it comfortable. Your trunk should be there by this time—".

"It was the expression on the man's face that made her check the words and add, "Well, Tompkins? What is it?"

"Excuse me, Madam, but the trunk has not come."

"What? But I left orders—!"

"A man from the transfer company telephoned. He said there was no trunk at that address."

Mrs. Travers whirled. Apparently interference with arrangements she had planned irritated her. "There's been a mistake," she announced. "There must have been a trunk there!"

Norma had found her voice. "It doesn't matter," she said. "I'll see about it to-morrow."

"Very well," Mrs. Travers agreed. "But I wouldn't put it off until to-morrow if I were you. They're frightfully careless, you know. There's a chance you'll never even see your things—"

"I'll take care of it," Norma assured her. "If you don't mind I'd like to go to my room now."

"Of course. Will you come down for tea or would you like to stay up to you?"

"I don't believe I care for any, thank you. I thought I'd lie down a little while."

"Very well. Dinner's at 7:30. Ring for Isabel if there's anything you want, my dear. Show her upstairs, Tompkins."

The girl found herself following Tompkins' stiff, narrow shoulders down a long hall. The room before which they stopped was the smallest she had seen in the Travers home. It was simply decorated. "Comfortable," as Mrs. Travers had

said, "but none came in sight. She must have walked half an hour before she stopped uncertainly at a street intersection. The night wind was cold now. The girl drew her coat closer, shivering. It was a suit

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## PRACTICE DANCES

## IN PREPARATION FOR ST. ANDREW'S BALL

There was an encouraging attendance at the first practice dance held at the Peninsula Hotel last night in preparation for the St. Andrew's Ball on November 27.

There was a crowd of more than 200 present, who took the floor for the various Scottish dances, music for which was supplied by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Pipe Band. The Hotel orchestra dispensed the music for the fox-trots. The members of the Reel Club did good work in instruction.

The next practice dance is to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on November 24.

## SCHNEIDER TRIO.

## FIRST CONCERT AT HELENA MAY LAST NIGHT.

In their first appearance in Hong Kong, the Schneider trio of instrumentalists made a good impression at the Helena May Institute last night when they gave a recital of chamber music.

The trio comprises Prof. Baron Anatol Vierlinghoff-Schneid (piano and clavichord), Remja Waschitz (violin) and Prof. Wolfgang Schneider (violin-cello).

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## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

**Banks.**  
Hongkong Bank, \$1565 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$1334 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., \$19 1/2 n.  
East Asia, \$134 n.

**Insurances.**  
Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.  
Union Ins., \$115/25 n.  
China Underwriters, \$4 1/2 b.  
China Elrea, \$650 n.

**Shipping.**  
Douglas, \$22 1/2 n.  
H.K. Steamboats, \$25 1/4 n.  
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$36 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

**Mining.**  
Benguet, \$10 1/2 n.  
Kailan, \$1/3 n.  
Shin Explorations, Ths. 2 n.  
Raubs, \$42 1/2 b.

**Docks, etc.**  
Kowloon Wharves, \$150 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$31 1/4 n.  
South China Motors \$10 n.  
Hongkong, Ths. 210 n.  
New Engineers, Ths. 53 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Ths. 96 n.

**Cottons.**  
Evo Cottons Ths. 15, 10 b.  
Shai Cotton Ths. 85 n.  
Zoon Sings Ths. 12 n.

**Lands, Hotels, etc.**  
H.K. & S. Hotels (old) \$14.80 b.  
H.K. & S. Hotels (new) \$14.30 b.  
H.K. Lands, \$80 1/2 n.  
Shai Land, Ths. 32 1/4 n.  
Humphrey, \$17 1/2 b.  
Realities, \$12 b.

**Public Utilities.**  
Tramways, \$21 1/2 n.  
Peak Trams (old) \$14.50 n.  
Star Ferries, \$89 b.  
China Lights, \$27 1/2 n.  
H. K. Electrics, \$75 1/2 b.  
Meaco Electrics, \$23 n.  
Telephones, \$43 n.  
China Buses, Ths. 17.90 n.  
Singapore Traction, 4/4 n.

**Industrials.**  
China Sugars 60 cts. n.  
Malabon, \$39 n.  
Canton Ice, \$6.80 n.  
Cement (cem.) \$19.30 n.  
Ropes, \$16.80 n.

**Stores, etc.**  
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2 n.  
Watson, \$16 n.  
Dor A. Wings, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawford, \$6.90 n.  
Macintosh, \$19 n.  
Sincere, \$15 1/2 n.  
Powells, \$3.60 n.

**Miscellaneous.**  
Amusements, \$10 n.  
Constructions, (old) 5.20/6.30 n.  
Bique In. G. Bonds 60 1/2 n.

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The market opened quietly steady and in some instances lower rates were established, due to profit-taking.

There were Buyers of the following stocks:

H.K. Lands at \$30 1/2.

Evon at \$15.20 \$15 1/2.

China Lights at \$27 1/4.

Dairy Farms at \$28 1/2.

H.K. Amusements \$19.

There were Buyers of the following stocks:

Banks at \$1,565.

Unions at \$430.

Underwriters at \$42.

Raubs at \$42 1/2.

Wharves at \$160.

Providents (old) at \$6.10.

Providents (new) at \$2.30.

Hotels (old) \$14.30.

Hotels (new) at \$14.30.

H.K. Lands at \$80 n.

Humphrey (old) \$17 1/2.

Evon at \$15.10.

Trams at \$24.

Star Ferries at \$89.

China Lights at \$27 1/4.

H.K. Electrics at \$43 n.

H.K. Government Loan at 2% premium.

There were Sellers of the following stocks:

Venezuelan Goldfields at \$2.1.

Hotels (old) at \$15.

H.K. Lands at \$80 1/2.

H.K. Realities at \$12.

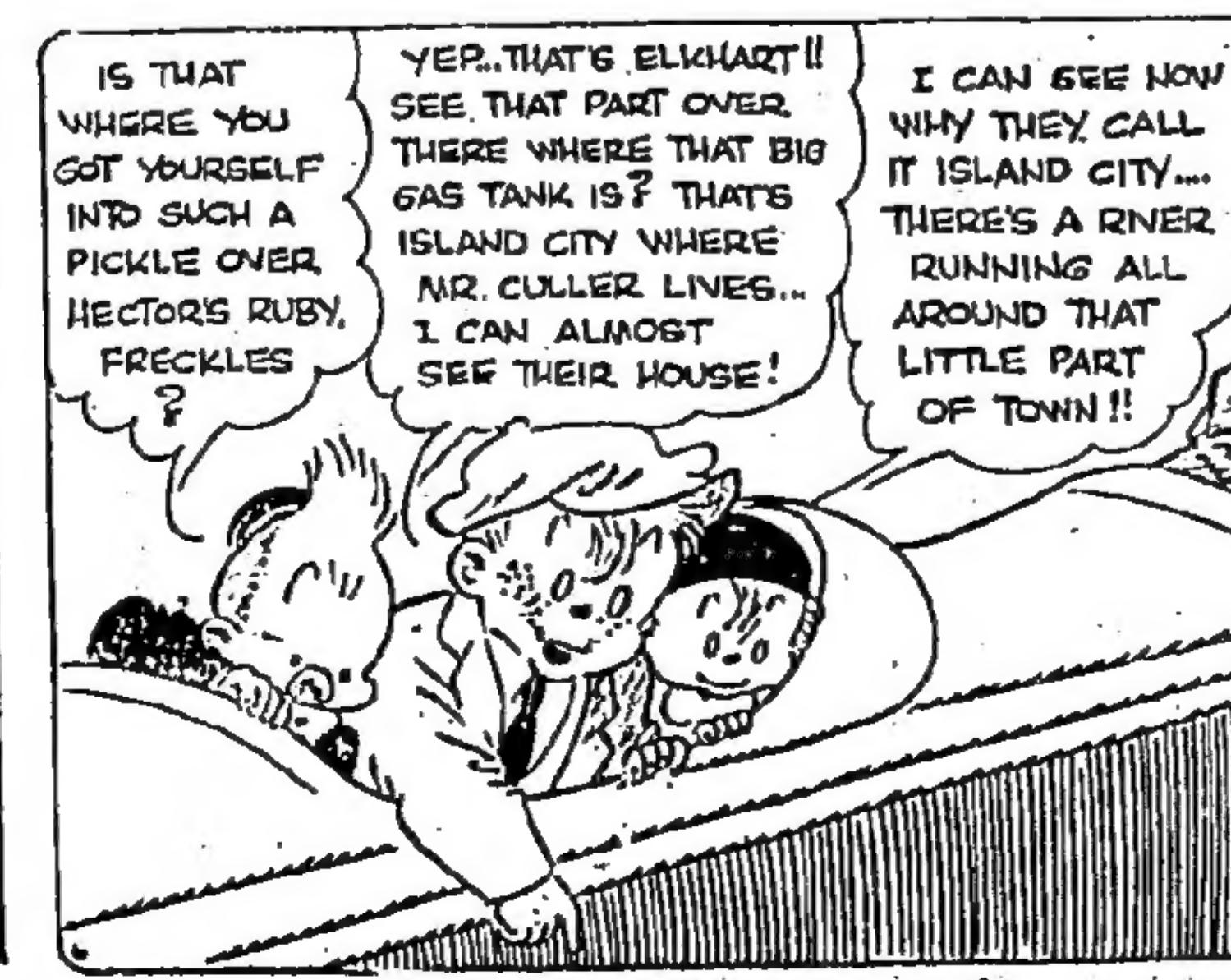
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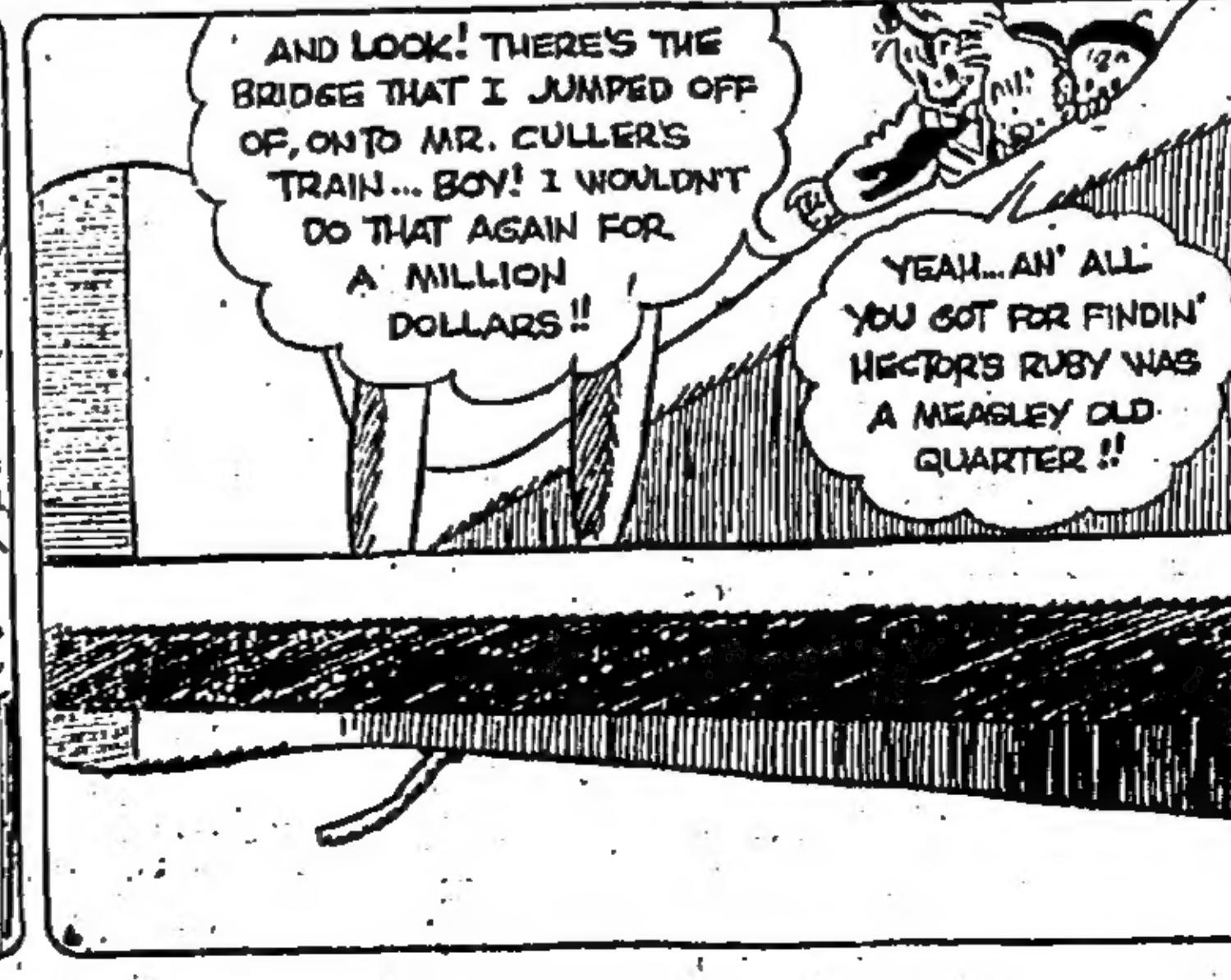
Watsons at \$16.

Constructions (new) at \$2.40.

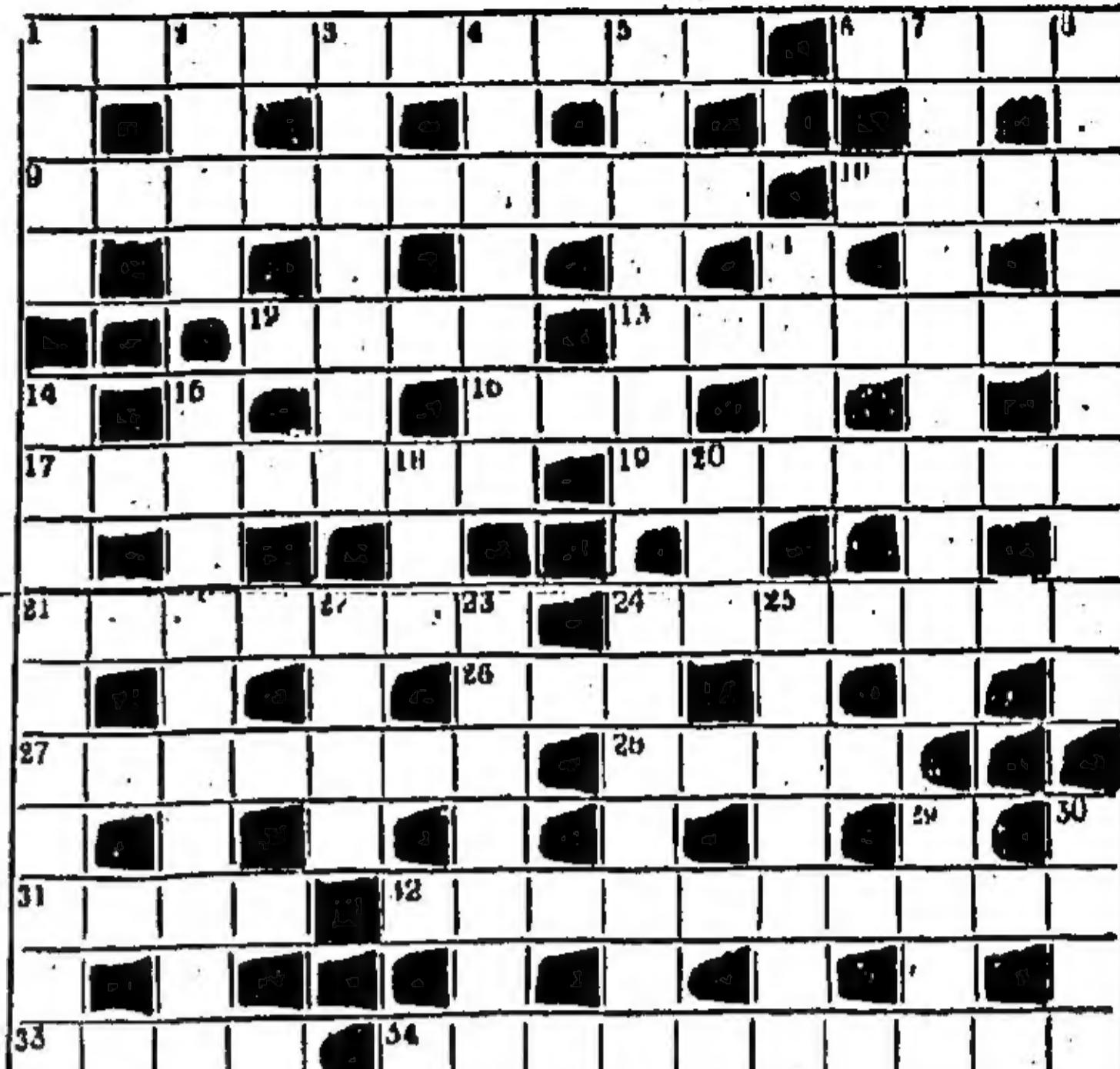
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7 Old French coin.  
8 A tiny mite on a fairy's heels names chrysotile.  
9 What betrays your family is the same about a vessel.  
10 Surely a double-faced action.  
11 No words wasted here.  
12 Present in a layer, but not in a stratum.  
13 Put up in jest and get help.  
14 Parts of wheels have a carpenter's tool.  
15 Not an amiable kind of person.  
16 Down with a five-hundred loss.  
17 The wise part of a sausage—it's muddled.  
18 Metal.  
19 Kind of gun.  
20 Colloquially, there's nothing like it!  
21 Absent from 32 Across, though ours end it.  
22 Noodle-cake.  
23 Intend.

Yesterday's Solution.

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1 Flint in the vicinity and mostly ancient.  
2 This lady's name might end another, and it conceals an alternative.  
3 Wherefrom you "drunk at" lunch—and you nearly reversed it.  
4 Joint risk in a wager.  
5 Foreboding evil.  
6 Talk over Lancelot's young

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Saturday's Solution.

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## ARMED ROBBERY.

## CASE AGAINST TWO CHINESE YOUTH.

Two Chinese youths, Chung King-man and Li Fat, were charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with committing an armed robbery, with others unknown, on No. 7 Kok Hang Village, Kowloon City, on October 16.

They are alleged to have taken away with them a quantity of jewellery including six pairs of bangles and six finger rings, and cash to the total sum of \$9.

Inspector Fallon, who prosecuted, said five men took part in the robbery, one being armed with a revolver, but the others were unarmed. There were altogether 14 people in the house at the time, many of them being visitors. The robbers entered by the door and held up the inmates, who were tied up and searched. All the jewellery found on their persons was taken by the robbers, who made good their escape in spite of an alarm being raised.

After evidence of arrest had been heard, the hearing was adjourned.

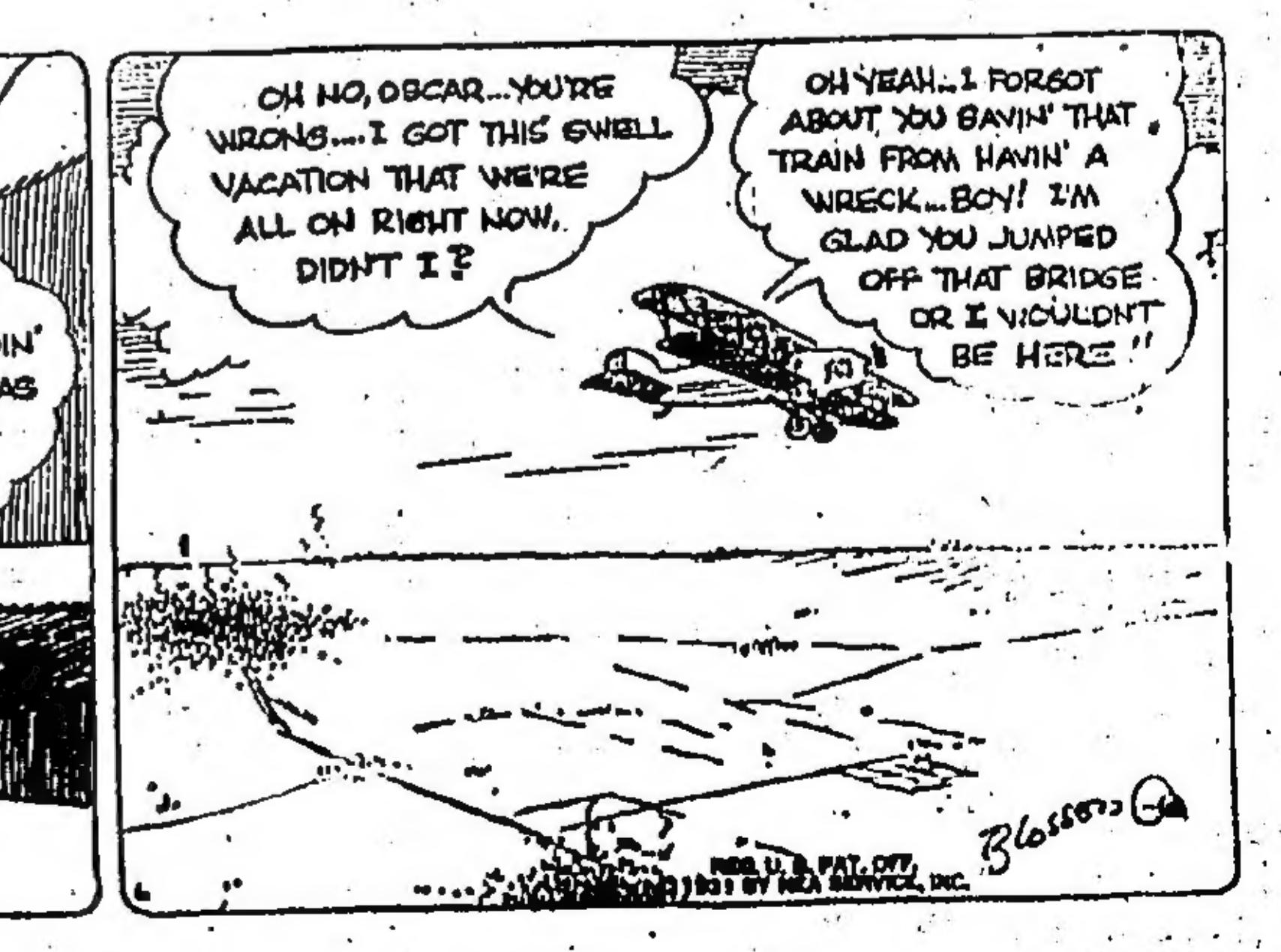
HEIFITZ COMING.  
TO GIVE CONCERT AT THE KING'S NEXT MONTH.

Hongkong music lovers are to be regaled with a rare musical treat early next month when Jascha Heifitz, world-renowned virtuoso of the violin, will give an evening concert at the King's Theatre, on December 4 at 8.30 p.m. only. Mr. and Mrs. Heifitz will arrive in Hongkong on December 3, en route to Manila and the Straits Settlements, and will stop over for a day in the Colony.

This is the third world tour that Heifitz is making. His previous tour was in 1923. At that time he was a bachelor, but since then he married Florence Vidor, the famous Paramount film star.

The repertoire of Heifitz will consist of the selected works of Bach, Schubert, Dobsusky, Ravel, Vitali, and others and should prove of especial interest to music-lovers in the Colony. Mr. Heifitz will be accompanied on the piano by Mr. Isadore Achron.

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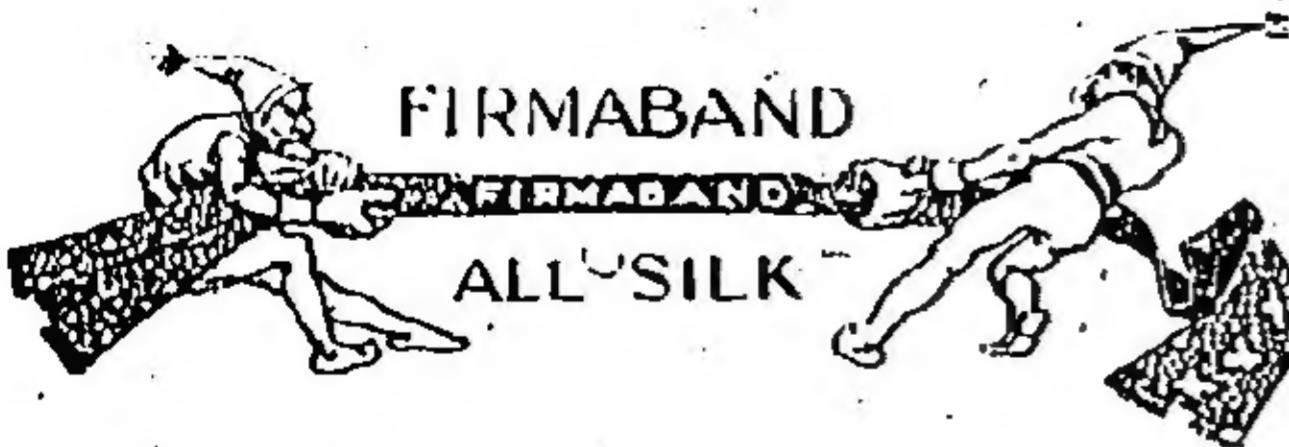
1532-Ninna-Nanna (Berceuse Veneciana) (Benelli) Sung by Gitana (Longas) ..... Tito Schipa  
7413-La Valse-Parts 1 & 2 (Ravel) ..... Boston Symphony Orch.  
7414-La Valse-Part 3 (Ravel) ..... Boston Symphony Orch.  
Danse (Debussy-arr Ravel) .....  
7415-Die Fledermaus-Osardas (Act 2-L. Strauss) E. Rethberg  
Bocaceio Hab' Ich Nur deine liebe Cyan Suppe  
(Had I only your eyes) ..... Elizabeth Rethberg  
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### The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1931.

### THE "STABILISATION PROGRAMME."

An impression prevails in some quarters that there may be more in the Report of the Currency Mission than appears in the text. The background of the suggestion, apparently, is the exhaustive study devoted to possible steps in preparation for stabilisation of the dollar at some future date, and stress is laid upon the completeness of the machinery recommended. The belief, if we may put it as high as that, as more than a hope, is that the slight undercurrent of urgency in the proposals may presage swift stabilisation when the sterling fund contemplated has been built up. It is thought possible that real intentions have been masked, with the object of preventing speculation and possible embarrassment to the authorities and the banks.

We must confess, on getting to closer grips with the Report, that we can discover no foundation for these views. The Mission, rightly or otherwise, place considerable emphasis on the Colony's close association with China. So close is it, in their belief, that Hongkong is practically an integral part of China from a commercial point of view. Moreover, in the preamble to an outline of the measures possible to make ready for future stabilisation, the Commissioners express a doubt whether the reason for remaining on a silver basis will cease to be valid until there is some prospect of the currency of South China being converted to gold basis at an early date.

It is further pertinent to observe the relationship between the proposals for remedying the defects of the present currency system and those dealing with future stabilisation should the time come when it is deemed desirable to carry it out. They are so closely allied as to be incapable of separation into watertight compartments. The stabilisation "preparations" are entirely de-

pendent on the reforms. Should the Government decide against the introduction of these reforms, the whole programme for future stabilisation falls to the ground. The Mission have absolutely no suggestion to make in the event, remote we trust, of the shelving of the reform scheme.

The stress clearly, therefore, is on the reforms. The Mission are satisfied to pin the Colony to silver more closely than it has ever been before and for an indefinite period. But this attitude does not, by any means, apply to the reform scheme. The Mission find so much to criticise in the existing currency system that they practically insist upon radical changes. The banks are given the opportunity of co-operating with the Government in this all-important matter. Reasons are set out establishing the advantage to the banks of this course. But the currency experts do not leave the matter to chance. They recommend, on any falsification of their assumption that the note-issuing banks will be prepared to fall into line with the scheme they propose, that the note issue be taken over completely by the Currency Board, acting on behalf of the Government of the Colony. Paramountly, the Mission is interested in setting the Colony's currency upon a sounder basis, in removing the evils that have grown up with the existing system, which probably served the Colony well enough when it was very young. Beyond that, they have attempted little. The "stabilisation programme" is an outgrowth of the main scheme. It has no separate existence. It cannot, we are afraid, mean what the stabilisationists—among whom we number ourselves—would like it to mean.

### Broadcasting Fiasco.

Oakland, California has been picked up in Hongkong on a long-wave receiver. This fact, distinctly interesting in itself, serves to introduce the subject of broadcasting, which is making its appeal to a wider and more cosmopolitan public every day. In particular, thoughts are drawn to local aspects of this very popular form of entertainment. It is open to very grave doubt whether Hongkong listeners are receiving full value for their licence fees, and the expense incurred in maintaining their sets. When in 1928 the Government took over from the amateur marabout Radio Society, it was recognised that many difficulties had to be faced, particularly in regard to offering a variety of programmes. Listeners, therefore, remained cheerfully content with receiving gramophone recitals. That was in 1928. Now, three years later, a remarkably increased radio public has still to "suffer" continuous programmes of gramophone records, with little to break the monotony. A Ko Shing Theatre relay, which has only a confined appeal, a studio lecture, a very occasional concert, a few football match commentaries, and a once-in-a-blue-moon effort to relay Home-side programmes, remain the only spicces of variety in the Hongkong programmes. Offering such meagre fare, it is difficult to conceive how the Government can expect maintenance of the growth in wireless licence holders. Though there are a number of radio "fans," who prefer to entertain themselves on sets made for long distance reception, the great majority of Hongkong listeners are probably those who have no ambitions to search further afield than the local station. They have a claim to be entered for in a proper and satisfying manner. The present programmes, which show practically no advance on those of 1928, certainly do not fulfil this requirement. We still remember the words of Mr. W. L. Miller, who, in March 1930, gave a paper on Radio. He said, in reference to Hongkong broadcasting, "I would urge them (the Broadcasting Committee) to explore every way of improving the relaying of distant stations, for, if listeners were reasonably certain of getting even the two hours' lunch time programme from London every night, there would be tremendous appeal to the sale of licences." This still remains a challenge unaccepted by the Hong-

long Broadcasting Committee, while in the Colony itself there must be means of improving and brightening the programmes. It is surely high time something was done towards this end.

### DAY BY DAY

SELF-WILL IS SO ARDENT AND ACTIVE, THAT IT WILL BREAK A WORLD TO PIECES TO MAKE A STOOL TO SIT ON.—Cecil.

The P. and Q. via Kashgar left Shanghai for this Port on the 17th instant at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 20th instant at about 6 a.m.

Hu Yu-yin, a cook at the Kwong Hing Preserved Vegetables factory at 166, Corner Street, tripped and fell yesterday while carrying a pot of boiling vinegar. He was removed to Hospital with serious burns.

The Post and Telegraph Department of the Siamese Government reports the suspension of the radio telegraph services at the Kohsichang and Songkla coast stations. Kohsichang is an island at the northern end of the Gulf of Siam, and Songkla is a small fort on the east coast of South Siam.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. Williams fixed Friday the 20th at 2.15 p.m. for the hearing of the summons for assault taken by Le Sun, an employee against R. Ribeiro in respect of an alleged assault outside the King's Theatre on the 8th instant. Mr. F. H. Sin is appearing for the complainant.

While gasoline was being pumped into a lamp on a lighter alongside the Venezuela yesterday, the screw cap of the lamp flew off, and the coolie at the pump was sprayed with the oil, which also caught fire. A terrible death was averted by timely assistance from other people on the lighter, but the condition of the coolie was serious when removed to Hospital.

The first cold air machine of which there is any definite record was invented in 1846 by a Mr. Gorrel, of the U.S.A. This was followed by various other British and foreign inventors, until the year 1873 when the first machine used commercially was invented by Professor Linde.

The first consignment of frozen meat ever imported from Australia was a cargo of thirty-four tons on board the steamer Strathleven, which arrived in London in February, 1880. Since that date, only half a century ago, it may be said with truth that the British Empire has to a large extent been built up on and is still supported by Professor Linde.

Without its aid the vast supplies of highclass fresh meat, butter, fruit, and, in fact, all the food supplies from overseas would have been impossible. It was by this means that the huge armies in the Great War were sustained. About 80 per cent. of the world's marine refrigeration is equipped with British machinery.

### HOME FARMERS' FRIEND.

But it is not only for overseas supplies that refrigeration is needed. Home farmers are at length finding out that refrigeration is their friend, not an enemy. Their home-grown produce of a perishable nature can be preserved, when nowhere to hand.

Further enquires then led him to another house at Queen's Road East, and as he went up the stairs, there walked after him an old woman who, without being asked, volunteered the information that the opium just seized was hers. It led him to believe, said R. O. Ward when charging the woman at the Central Police Court this morning, that she was being paid by the smugglers and had found it worth while to claim the drug.

The Magistrate fined the woman \$1,000 or five months' hard labour. The Magistrate fined the woman \$1,000 or five months' hard labour.

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As every schoolboy knows, when he uses his air pump for inflating his tyre tube heat is produced.

This is by reason of the compression of the air. A refrigerating

## Ours Is An Ice Age.

By WHATELY C. ARNOLD.

THE electrical experiments of Michael Faraday, the centenary of which is now being celebrated, overshadow his discoveries in the realms of chemistry for which he was appointed professor in the Royal Institution.

So we are inclined to overlook the benefits which the scientist brought to the world by his discoveries rendering possible the universal use of refrigeration.

It was in the course of his chemical research that he made the discovery that any gas may be turned into a liquid if it is first compressed and then cooled under pressure. That was in 1823, and many years after it was made use of for the purposes of mechanical refrigeration.

Long before this it was known that a low temperature could be produced by the combination of crushed ice and salt. Ice was obtained in blocks shipped from the Norwegian fiords, and until 1889 this was the only method of obtaining a sufficiently low temperature for storing meat and other perishable foods.

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In all scientific work, as well as in a number of manufacturing processes, the study of temperature control is imperative. Man himself is entirely dependent upon it! A difference of 6deg. or 7deg. Fahrenheit in blood temperature means life or death to every one of us!

Long-continued research work has shown that different commodities require an extraordinary variety of temperature for their efficient preservation.

### Careful Preserving.

For instance, whereas meat can be best kept at 35deg. to 40deg., butter is kept in better condition at 14deg. Eggs should be kept at 30deg., and also apples, but melons from 35deg. to 40deg., and bananas not less than 56deg.

On the other hand, the degree of cold required for making ice-cream is about 5deg. to 10deg., but for keeping ice-cream bricks temperature of 10deg. below zero is required.

These are only a few examples, but sufficient to give an idea of the large amount of labour and care which is now involved in the preservation of our daily food and what we owe to the discoveries of Michael Faraday. The past hundred years have seen developments far beyond the possible imaginings of the discoverer himself.

WHATELY C. ARNOLD.

## TIPPING HAS ITS VIRTUES.

### By CLIFFORD HOSKEN.

THREE is a custom on the Continent, almost universal in all but the biggest hotels, of adding 10 per cent. "for service" to the amount of your bill. This is supposed to be in place of tips. But it is a custom that wants watching.

The theory is delightful. You pay your extra 10 per cent., which is supposed to be distributed among all the hotel servants, and you need no more worry about how much you ought to give the hall porter, and the head waiter, and the chambermaid, and all the others.

They are assumed to be satisfied, and so are you. The great tipping problem, one of the greater worries of travel, is, supposedly, abolished. "Ten per cent. for service" has done the trick.

But it hasn't. In practice it doesn't work out at all, as any holidaymaker back from the French or Belgian or Italian resorts can tell you. You have paid your 10 per cent. extra, but you are expected to tip just the same.

That is why the custom needs watching and needs to be severely discouraged if an attempt is made to introduce it into this country.

You are never quite satisfied that the extra ten per cent.—your extra two shillings in the pound—is distributed among the staff. And, anyhow, if a maid, or a waiter, or a porter has served you well, most of us like to acknowledge that.

There is a deal of satisfaction in thanking someone who has made your holiday more pleasant, and (Continued on Page 7.)



"Of course we found it necessary to make a few minor changes in adapting your book to the screen. We are using Miss De Lacey, whom you used Napoleon."

## CURRENCY REPORT STRONGLY CRITICISED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

any subsidiary coins by base metal would prove absolutely impracticable. We have our ten cent pieces melted and melted quite enough as things stand. With the introduction of a base-metal token coin, half of China's population would be employed in supplying us with our small change.

There are a few first-glance objections to the Report. I do not suppose there will be much further criticism submitted as most of the previous currency correspondents appear to have left the Colony in disgust.

The apathetic attitude of Anglo-Saxon apathy is the one outstanding characteristic of the average Hongkong resident—"fixed like a plant to his own peculiar spot, to draw nutrition, propagate, and rot."

I see in the "25 years Ago" extract from the *South China Morning Post* this morning that "In everything of a public undertaking Singapore with energy and enterprise takes the initiative and Hongkong looks on apathetic and helpless."

Is it the humidity or the women or the wine?

There is nothing else in the Colony to which one can attribute the deplorable lethargy of the British.

Reform Scheme Amplified.

The scheme for the reform of the currency forms the principal item of interest in the Report of the Clear Mission. The broad outlines of the proposal have already been published.

In an appendix, the Mission goes into its reasons for making these recommendations, more fully, as follows:

Silver Content of New Unit.

We recommend that the new theoretical units of currency should be 374.4 grains of fine silver which is the content of the British dollar. There seems to be no advantage in selecting as the standard the higher silver content of the Mexican dollar. It is, after all, a foreign coin, and to accept the higher standard would involve the Currency Board in a loss in respect of every British dollar taken over in them, and quite possibly also in respect of the Mexican dollars already in existence all such dollar notes in existence are likely to move on the market.

Weight and Fineness of Silver Bars.

As the object is to maintain the Hongkong dollar bar to its silver purity, the standard bar should be of the weight and fineness which will be most easily obtainable and most readily saleable.

The enquiries which we have made have not produced such definite information as to enable us to make a recommendation, and we advise that the matter should receive the early consideration of the Currency Board.

Place at Which Board Should Hold Silver.

The present bank notes are in a ratio of one commission against bullion. It follows that it would be appropriate to charge a commission on the issue of notes against a sterling payment to the Board. We recommend that the rate of this commission should be left to be fixed from time to time by the Board who would no doubt be guided by the state of their funds. As a rule, we imagine they would hold open their offer of notes for sterling only so long as they desired to increase their sterling holdings; they would, therefore, no doubt fix the commission at a low rate, say 2 per cent., so as to encourage the public to take advantage of this alternative to tendering silver bullion, and they might even find it advantageous to charge no commission at all on such transactions.

Movements of Funds.

Another appendix to the Report shows the main directions in which money moves through Hongkong.

The remittance business involves an inward movement of gold balances and (so far as the remittances do not remain in Hongkong) an outward movement of Hongkong money.

The general import business involves a release of gold balances and an inward movement of Hongkong money.

The import business to South China from North China also involves an inward movement of Hongkong money and a release of gold balances (to purchase *takts*). The financing of primary production and small trades and industries in South China involves an initial outward movement of Hongkong money followed by a gradual compensatory return movement at a later date.

The financing of the export business of South China involves an inward movement of gold balances and an outward movement of Hongkong money.

Speculation.

There is still one more class of transaction involving the movement of funds to be considered. It would be very unusual for a bar to contain an amount of fine silver

equivalent to a round sum in dollars, the balance in excess or deficit would have to be either paid or received by the bank whenever a bar was actually handled over.

When the opposite transaction takes place however, viz., the tender of bar silver against the issue of notes, we recommend in order to avoid a multiplicity of small denotations that notes should be issuable only in quantities of not less than, say, 20,000, 50,000, or even 100,000 dollars, whichever may be thought most desirable. In this transaction too, questions of odd amounts would arise; and every bar would have to be either accompanied by a certificate of undoubted authenticity (such as are, we understand, available in Shanghai) or weighed and assayed and stamped with the value in Hongkong dollars and cents before acceptance.

The Commissions to be Charged.

This question is an important one as the amounts of the Board's demands will determine the distance between the two billion points.

As the theoretical unit of currency is a definite amount of fine silver, it would in our opinion be appropriate for the Board to charge a commission for providing silver bars to the bank for the redemption of notes presented to them in Hongkong. It would be proper for the Board to charge a commission for providing silver bars at other centres.

Such commissions should, in our opinion be fixed with regard to the cost of moving bullion from Hongkong to the centre in question. The Board should have power to vary the rate, and if for any reason they desired to reduce their holdings at a particular centre, to waive the commission.

The rate of commission to be charged by the Board when bar silver is tendered to them to be exchanged into notes will (as already stated) establish the upper billion point.

5 Per Cent. Limit.

This rate should not, in our opinion exceed the present percentage cost of having bar silver converted into dollars at the London or the Hongkong Mint, and brought to Hongkong. At the present price of silver we understand that the cost is at least 6½ or 7 per cent. This, however, makes rather a high upper billion point, and we recommend that the maximum commission should be fixed by law at 5 per cent., and that the Board should be empowered to reduce that figure if they think fit. The Board should also be empowered to fix a commission for receiving bar silver elsewhere than in Hongkong, and to waive it if they think fit.

The Board may be prepared to receive silver otherwise than in bars of the standard fixed, in which case they should be empowered to charge a commission, to cover the cost of transfer (including freight, insurance, etc.), of silver from Hongkong to the centre selected, or possibly without charge if the transaction is convenient to the Board.

Legal Obligations.

Similar considerations arise regarding the points at which the Board should accept bars for delivery against the issue of notes. We consider that they should be under a legal obligation to accept such bars at the standard rate of commission in Hongkong only, and that if they accept them elsewhere, it should be only on the payment of an extra commission equal to the estimated cost of transport to Hongkong. If, however, the Board desire to accumulate stocks of silver at places other than Hongkong they may be prepared to waive the extra commission and we see no objection to the course.

Minimum Transaction Permitted.

We recommend that the smallest amount of notes redeemable in bar silver should be the equivalent of about 1,000 oz. of fine silver. It would be necessary for each bar before issue to be stamped with its exact value in Hongkong dollars and cents and, since a bar would be very unusual for a bar to contain an amount of fine silver

## RECENT GODOWN COLLAPSES.

## CONTRACTOR FINED TO-DAY.

## TO PULL DOWN AND RE-BUILD.

The collapse on two separate occasions of the walls and columns of a godown under construction in Gloucester Road were mentioned by Mr. J. Bottomley before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning when he was summoning the contractor for divergence from the plans.

The contractor was accused of not constructing the walls and columns of the premises with concrete mortar and also of not having the walls and columns bonded and substantially constructed in cement mortar.

Mr. Bottomley recalled that a portion of the building collapsed on November 2, resulting in the removal to Hospital of four workmen, one of whom was in a serious condition. He was not expected to live at the time but together with the others had since recovered.

On November 13, another portion of the building collapsed. Since the second incident the Police had been on duty at the building and had not allowed anybody inside.

Mr. Bottomley asked for an order of demolition and reconstruction to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

In reply to his Worship the defendant said that the injured workmen had now all recovered and compensation had been paid.

A fine of \$5 on each summons was imposed, it being stated by Mr. Bottomley that the work of reconstruction would result in a loss of \$1,000 to \$1,500 to the contractor.

## Housing Accommodation.

In consequence of the continued trade depression there is a large amount of unemployment in the Colony, and as a consequence the question of the housing of the poor still causes the Society no little anxiety. The expenditure under this head during the whole of 1930 amounted to \$1,974.28, while for the nine months January to September, 1931, the expenditure was \$1,664.50 of which \$209.25 represents Grants made in special cases of temporary destitution.

The Society maintains a 4-storey building, No. 23 Kwang Ming Street, for the purpose of housing a number of poor families who are there provided with more healthy and sanitary quarters than they could even with assistance from the Society, and in the cheaper and overcrowded districts of the City.

## Education of Poor Children.

This has always been one of the first works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul all over the world. It is the policy of the Hongkong Council to afford to Chinese poor children every facility for acquiring a useful knowledge of their own language. Those who have successfully completed a five years course in Chinese are, according to their aptitude, either taught a trade or sent to St. Joseph's College for an English education.

The Society's vernacular School-the Kai Lan School at Wanchai-continues to be successfully conducted. During the nine months January to September, 1931, the Society granted to this school a subsidy of \$740.00. During the same period \$74.50 was paid in school fees for poor girls attending the Tak Ying School for Girls also at Wanchai and \$216.00 to St. Louis Industrial School for Boys who are there being taught various trades.

Back to the Old Order.

In the hotels will make a rule that tipping is absolutely prohibited, and enforce that rule with their servants well and good. We may dislike it, but we will abide by it, and we shall be satisfied that the servants are agreeable to their conditions of employment.

But if the hotels merely tax us extra two shillings in every and we spend and leave their services to embarrass us if we do not allow the traditional custom, then it should stop at once.

If this custom begins in this country it will be hard to check.

It will possibly, as it did when it was introduced abroad, work fairly well at first.

For a season or

two hotel servants will not appear to expect tips-though they will accept them-and the hotel visitor will begin to think that life has been made easier and perhaps cheaper for him.

But soon he will find that the ten per cent, has merely become an additional charge on his bill, with no relation to "service" whatever.

So we had far better submit to the age-old custom and distribute our own gratuities among those who have served us, and maintain the friendly personal relationship between servant and guest.

A tip, after all, is only a present offered in return for services rendered, and it should give pleasure both to giver and receiver.

CLIFFORD HOSKIN.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Monday	Yesterday
Paris.....	.00%	.96%
Geneva.....	.19%	.19/7.16
Berlin.....	.15%	.15/15.16
Oslo.....	.18/1.16	.18/4
Helsingfors.....	.103%	.103%
Athens.....	.320	.310
Buenos Aires.....	.38%	.38
Shanghai.....	.1/10%	.1/9
New York.....	.3.77%	.3.78%
Amsterdam.....	.013/32	.017/10
Stockholm.....	.18/1.16	.18%
Vienna.....	.28	.29
Madrid.....	.43.11/16	.44%
Bucharest.....	.630	.635
Hongkong.....	.1/6%	.1/34
Brussels.....	.27%	.27%
Milan.....	.73%	.73%
Copenhagen.....	.18%	.18%
Prague.....	.127%	.12%
Lisbon.....	.109%	.109%
Rio.....	.3.31/32	.3.15/16
Bombay.....	.1/6%	.1/6%
Yokohama.....	.2/7%	.2/7%
Montevideo.....	.28%	.28%
Montreal.....	.4.20%	.4.22%
Silver (spot).....	.10.7/16	.10.7/16
" (forward).....	.10.7/8	.10.7/8

—British Wireless.

## AIDING THE POOR AND NEEDY.

## WORK OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for 1930 has just been published, in which it states that in view of the approach of the 48th annual "Al Fresco Fete," which is to be held on December 2, the Central Council has much pleasure in presenting a statement of accounts for 1930 and a report of the Society's work during the first nine months of 1931.

The accounts show that the expenditure in 1930 was \$404,06 over the receipts.

The net proceeds of the "Our Poor Day" Sale of Roses and the Fete held last December amounted to \$12,430.54, an increase of \$7,554.55 on the 1929 figures as set out in the Statement on the first page of this Report.

## RELIEF IN MONEY AND PROVISIONS.

During the nine months January to September, 1931, the Society has contributed to the maintenance of 147 families, comprising 215 persons, to whom assistance has been given irrespective of race, nationality or creed. 1037 visits have been made to the Poor in their homes during the same period.

Mon Lee (G. M. Witkowki) played by Robert Caendus (Pianist) and Orchestra Symphonique of Paris conducted by the Composer. 9225-9227. 8.30-8.58 p.m. Musical Comedy and Talkie Tunes.

Lucky Girl Selections. Jack Payne and His B. B. C. Dance Orchestra. 9.55. The Singing Fool Selections. Debroy Somer's Band. 9.54. Show of Shows Selections.

The Regal Cinema Orchestra. DX15. On With The Show 1929 Selections. Debroy Somer's Band. 9.56. 8.58-10.2 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Rio Rita-If You're In Love You'll Waltz. Vocal Duet-Rio Rita-Rio Rita. Edith Day and Geoffrey Gwyther. Duet-Ms. Peer Gynt. Duet-Ms. Peer Gynt. Mr. Flotsam and Mr. Jetsam. DB358. Comedy-Sketch-The Fourth Form At St. Michaels.

Will Hay and His Scholars. 9680. Song-Jogging Along Behind The Old Grey Mare. Song-A Little Bungalow. Bobby Grey and Whispering Chorus. 9113. Accordion Trio-Hilda (A Romance). The Deveyd Brothers. DB363. 10.02-10.30 p.m. Octet. Everybody's Melodies (Arr. J. H. Johnson).

J. H. Square Celeste Octet. 9748. Chant Sans Parole (Technikowski Arr. Sear).

Invitation To The Vale (Weber Arr. Sear).

J. H. Square Celeste Octet. 9608. 10.20 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news and Board of Trade London Letters.

10.30 p.m. Close down. All the Records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Company.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day in:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 6.00-6.30 p.m. Chinese children's programme.

7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice etc.

7.04-7.31 p.m. Band Selections.

Barcarolle (Technikowski).

Valse Croche (Technikowski).

Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Clubs.

Petticoat Lane (Arr. Party).

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BRIGHT BATTING  
BY SHANGHAI.VISITORS KNOCK UP A HUGE  
SCORE YESTERDAY.

The Shanghai Interport cricketers were seen in their best scoring mood yesterday when they met a combined team drawn from the United Services team and the Hongkong C.C. ground in a match that started after 11 a.m. and will be continued this morning, the extra half day being possible on account of the Interport match being concluded on Monday.

Shanghai went to the wicket for first knock and opened with Kermani and Simpson. Without taking unnecessary risks the pair punished the bowling and gradually had the Services' attack well mastered. Kermani was playing pretty cricket and was scoring more freely than in the Interport match. The opening pair took the score to 86 before they were separated, Simpson being caught by Moir off Burnett with 29 to his credit.

Eleven runs later Shanghai lost another wicket, Kermani being beaten by a ball from Mirehouse and sent back to the pavilion, after having scored a brilliant 54. Booth and Barson became associated and were engaged in another huge partnership. Both were playing with care but had just punishment to all the bowlers that were not on the wicket. Barson was in happier form than his partner and brought off some hefty hits. The pair put on 68 runs when Booth was caught by Barlow in attempting to hit Burnett over the top. Elliott and Barson after Cook



Signalman Morris, of H. M. S. Suffolk, who meets A. B. Warnes at the City Hall on the 25th instant, for the welter-weight championship of the Colony.

had been dismissed put on another 27 runs when the latter was smartly taken by Shaw, the wicket keeper, who had to run around to leg to catch the ball.

Lane and Madar later made martyrs at the expense of the Service bowlers, the former adding 46 to the total before being dismissed by a catch behind the wicket, while the latter was undefeated at the close with 28 against his name. The innings came to a close just on five o'clock.

The full scores of yesterday's play are given below:

Shanghai—1st Innings.				
S. R. Kermani, b Mirehouse	54			
P. V. Simpson, c Moir, b Burnett	29			
A. J. Barson, c Shaw, b Anstruther	48			
R. Booth, c Barlow, b Burnett	28			
H. J. M. Cook, c Mirehouse, b Anstruther	14			
R. N. Elliott, c Barlow, b Burnett	26			
T. W. R. Wilson, b Hamilton	18			
D. W. Lench, c Shaw, b Anstruther	46			
P. Madar, not out	26			
H. A. Coward, c Barlow, b Burnett	10			
B. V. W. Murray, b Anstruther	0			
J. A. Isaacs, c Younger, b Anstruther	1			
Extras	26			
Total	310			
Bowling Analysis.				
Hamilton	0	M. 3	R. 2	W. 2
Mirehouse	21	3	61	1
Hunting	23	5	68	1
Barlow	10	1	51	—
Burnett	6	—	21	3
Anstruther	13	1	39	5

LADIES' TENNIS  
TOURNAMENT.MISS THOMAS ENTERS  
SINGLES FINAL.

Miss Thomas entered the final of the Open Ladies' Singles Championship of the Colony when she beat Mrs. Chin by two sets to one on the United Services Recreation Club courts yesterday.

Mrs. Chin won the first set at 7-5 and it was generally considered that she would claim the next one and the match, but Miss Thomas asserted herself in the second set which she took after conceding only one game.

The final set was very evenly contested and it was not till twelve games were played that Miss Thomas claimed it and the match. The game on the whole was very interesting, a high standard of play being maintained throughout.

TSANG FOO VILLA  
CRIME.FIVE MEN APPEAR AT  
SESSIONS.

## ARRESTED ON ROOF.

The tragic night of September 26-27, at Tsang Foo Villa when members of a Japanese family were done to death by mob was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Komp) and a jury, when the trial commenced of five prisoners, charged with murder.

At 11 p.m. the case was adjourned. The members of the Court will visit the scene this afternoon.

The following jurymen were empanelled. Mr. G. A. Pentreath (Foreman), Mr. R. G. Lee, Mr. Li Tin-shit, Mr. Lam Chong-chung, Mr. M. A. da Sousa, Mr. A. G. Pib and Mr. L. H. Ruffin.

Prisoners are defended by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Messrs. Wilkins and Grist, while the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.), together with Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, is for the Crown. All prisoners entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. Alabaster outlined the case for the Crown at considerable length. He told how the mob, numbering about 1,000, attacked Tsang Foo Villa, where Japanese

residents were living, wrecked the place and murdered six members of a family. Two Japanese carpenters, one son, Hiroshi, aged six, and a lady friend, Miss Fujiko Yoshi, escaped, but Mr. Alabaster explained they escaped by luck and not by the leniency of the mob.

All the prisoners were arrested on the roof where the murders were committed.

Evidence was given by Dr. J. T. Smallley of the arrival at Kowloon Hospital of the two boys, Shiro and Nyoji, the amah, Sumiko and the old lady. He described their many injuries and said that nothing could be done for them. They died soon after admission.

Incised wounds on the boys could have been done by a sharp instrument, such as a sword, while in the women blunt instruments, such as poles, could have caused the injuries.

Referring to Mr. Tam, witness said he recalled a Chinese, Chan Yau-kun, being admitted at mid-night for injuries received through falling from a height. He was brought in an ambulance by a European missionary. His injuries were consistent with having fallen from a iron stove.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

ADAMSON GOLF  
CUP.QUALIFYING COMPETITION  
WON BY W. JENKINS.

The November qualifying competition for the Adamson Cup, played off for by members of the Hongkong Golf Club, resulted in W. Jenkins returning the best card and qualifying with a score of 90-18-72.

Other scores were:  
R. Wallace 85-9-74  
A. MacIndoe 96-18-78.

MAMAK HOCKEY  
TOURNAMENT.

The following will represent the R.A.S.C. v. Hongkong Police in the Mamak Hockey Tournament at the Police Training School Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday, 21st November, 1931. Bully-off 4 p.m.—Pte. Andrews; S/Sgt. Marshall; I/Cpl. Reynolds; Pte. Cravas, Sgt. Hurst, S/Sgt. McCulloch; Dvr. Cole; L/Cpl. Spain; S/Sgt. Skton, L/Cpl. Fry, Dvr. Brennan, Rorers; Pte. O'Conor, L/Cpl. Cadman.

WATER SUPPLY  
INADEQUATE.DISCONNECTED FLUSH  
SYSTEM.

## MR. SHIRAZI FINED.

Appearing on behalf of Mr. M. K. Shirazi, Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a summons taken out by the Sanitary Department for failing to have an adequate supply of flushing water at 455-475 Queen's Road, West.

Mr. Butlin, who said that he held a power of attorney from Mr. Shirazi, who was now in India, said that Messrs. Dodwell & Co. were instructed to carry out the work of overhauling the pump and he presumed that it had been done. When he had received the summons he communicated with Messrs. Dodwell and was informed that the work was finished on November 7, but they had had to wait for the Hongkong Electric Company to put on the current. It was stated that the person who had charge of the job had been ill for some days and did not return to work until the November. The work was completed on the following day.

Sanitary Inspector Foster said that the work had been completed when he visited the premises yesterday. He last saw the job on November 5 when nothing had been done. The pump had been installed but not connected. It had previously been connected, but later became defective, and had been connected with the Government Water mains.

## SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co:

## London Terminals.

March 1932 6/8½ down ½ d.  
May 1932 6/10½ down 1d.  
August 1932 7/½ down ½ d.  
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## New York Terminals.

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A SURPRISE.

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[Earlier scores—South Africa 425, New South Wales 168.]

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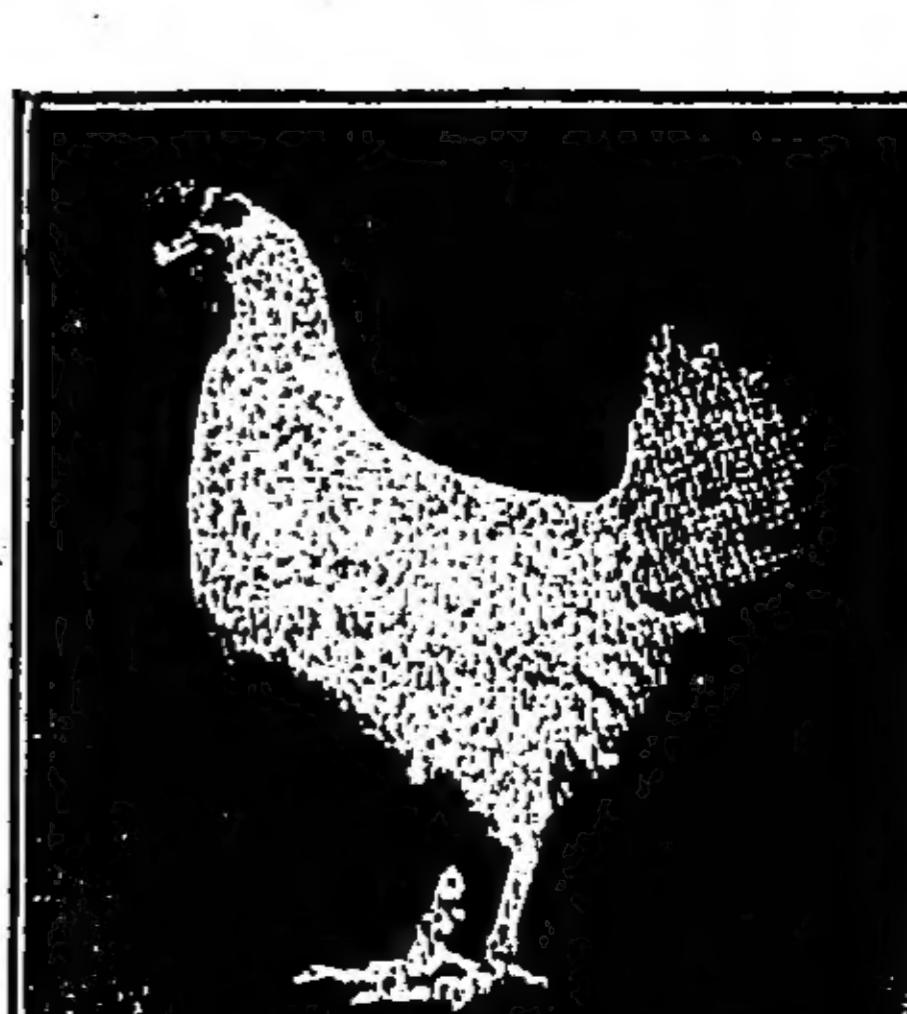
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## "SCENE" IN LORD MAYOR'S COURT.

## COUNSEL'S EMPHATIC PROTEST.

## "NOT TREATED LIKE IT BEFORE."

London, Oct. 14.

"I wish to make a public protest at the Lord Mayor leaving the Court when I am making an application which I have a perfect right to make. I have never been treated in any court in this realm as I have been treated this morning."

This comment was made in the Lord Mayor of London's Court at the Mansion House, yesterday by Mr. E. H. Butcher, counsel for one of ten persons charged on remand with breaking into a warehouse in Upper Thames-street, E. C., and stealing 33 cases of tea value £290, the property of the City and Continental Wharves and Transport, Ltd., and with having house-breaking implements in their possession by night.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Phene Neal), the presiding magistrate, had intimated that he had to leave to attend a Court of Aldermen.

There was a "scene" when the question of bail was raised.

After hearing two applications the Lord Mayor announced that bail was refused to all the defendants except three.

Mr. H. W. Wickham protested that the Lord Mayor had refused to hear certain witnesses with regard to bail.

The Lord Mayor said that he did not object to hearing witnesses "ridiculous."

Mr. Wickham said that he asked to tender proper witnesses as to sureties.

"In my humble submission," he said, "it is a monstrous thing to refuse bail because the police say that the defendants may interfere with witnesses who are big, strong policemen. I say it is ridiculous."

Sergeant Johnson—I ask the Lord Mayor not to grant bail. We are afraid of witnesses being interfered with, and not police witnesses.

The Lord Mayor—This is a very important case. It seems to me that there are great ramifications here. I am bound in the interests of the public to rely on the advice of the police.

Mr. Wickham—These people are innocent before you. They are innocent until they are found guilty. You are practically looking upon them as being convicted.

The Lord Mayor intimated that he would consider the matter further on Friday.

Mr. Butcher said that he claimed his right, as a member of the Bar, to speak.

"I ask for bail on behalf of my client, who is a man of unimpeachable character," he said.

The Lord Mayor again said that he would consider the matter on Friday.

Mr. Butcher was making an application with regard to the return of money to Jacobs when the Lord Mayor left the court.

Mr. Butcher then made the protest mentioned above.

The Clerk said that providing the Court of Aldermen was finished in time, he was sure that the Lord Mayor would come back and hear Mr. Butcher.

Mr. Butcher—I shall not be here.

I have said all I want to say.

There was some confusion for a few moments, but eventually everyone left the court, the accused being escorted out by police officers.

## CURRENCY REPORT STRONGLY CRITICISED.

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It was generally agreed by our witnesses that the ordinary family remittance business from the Chinese communities overseas has time to time, and particularly during the years 1929 and 1930, been accompanied by a speculative and family remittance, and the export business, the amount of which is certainly much less than this figure and has greatly diminished during the last year; and two outward movements of gold balances, the general import business and the North to South China import business.

A number of our Chinese witnesses in Malaya expressed the view, which we have seen is also current in Hongkong, that the "normal" exchange value of the silver Hongkong dollar is 2s. and that it is bound ultimately to return to this figure. This notion which is particularly congenial to the Chinese as an exemplification of the doctrine of *Yin* and *Yang*, or action and reaction (one of the fundamental conceptions of Chinese philosophy) is held with the fall of the exchange value of the Hongkong dollar below this figure appears to have been enough to start a flow of speculative remittances from overseas, which grew steadily in volume as the dollar sank still lower, and has only recently abated because, as one of our Malayan witnesses said, the power, though not the will, to remit has come to an end. It is apparently generally agreed among the Chinese in Malaya that speculatory remittances on a "two for one" basis (the Straits dollar being fixed at 2s. 4d.) must be profitable, and incidentally there is some practical justification for this belief in the fact that for many purposes, e.g., wages of domestics, cab-fares, hair-cutting charges and so on, dollar prices are much the same in both countries.

At the present time there continues to be an inward movement on this account, that is the banks receive gold balances against the liability to pay out Hongkong money. This liability is likely to begin to mature directly the exchange value of the Hongkong dollar is being 1 or 2 per cent above parity. This result is that, unless the volume of Hongkong currency increases *pari passu*, the banks (as has already been explained) are continually finding themselves "overbought" in gold currencies, generally sterling.

This is borne out by two facts:—  
(1) The recent substantial increase in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note issue, and

change value of the Hongkong dollar increases substantially.

## Gold Balances.

To sum up, therefore, there are two inward movements of gold balances, the remittance business, which is very large (we have received one estimate from a credible source of £40,000,000 a year over recent years for the combined speculative and family remittances), and the export business, the amount of which is certainly much less than this figure and has greatly diminished during the last year; and two outward movements of gold balances, the general import business and the North to South China import business.

On considering the question of balance of payments, we find that our witnesses are generally agreed that, owing to the great volume of remittances, even apart from those due to speculation, there has long been a general tendency for the inward movement of gold balances to exceed the outward, involving a constant demand for more and more Hongkong currency. The result is that, unless the volume of Hongkong currency increases *pari passu*, the banks (as has already been explained) are continually finding themselves "overbought" in gold currencies, generally sterling.

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## BOY SCOUT WINS APPEAL.

## NOT TO RETURN TO PRISON.

Albert Alexander Isbell, the 19-year-old Deptford Boy Scout patrol leader, is not to serve the remainder of the sentence of three months' hard labour passed on him by the Bromley Bench for stealing clothes, value £s., from a clothesline at Eltham.

Isbell was released from prison after serving three weeks, and when his appeal was heard at the West Kent Quarter Sessions the Bench remitted the sentence and bound him over.

The appeal was made possible by Miss Mary Dixon, formerly senior mistress at Adney and Stanhope Secondary School, where Isbell, an orphan, had a brilliant career.

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(Continued from Page 2.)

I have noticed in 17 years of this work with the Department of Commerce is I do feel that manufacturers and business men abroad are developing a more intelligent interest in the outside world. Their enquiries are more intelligent. They ask questions that are more pertinent and take more interest in the replies.

Nowadays we have to check up our figures while in days gone by it didn't matter much whether we left out a cipher.—(Laughter). We now find we have to be very cautious about the figures we send out because they are likely to get into the hands of an expert and he may send them back and ask how we got them.—(Laughter). That is that phase of the situation which makes our work more difficult but, in a sense, more interesting, because we feel that people are really asking for something that may be helpful in their business.

**Business on a Shoe String.**

We have, of course, always to contend with the concern that is interested to-day and, to-morrow is no longer interested. There are also the Fly-by-Nights, who are trying to do \$150,000 worth of business on a shoe string, and trying to utilise the United States Government and every other Government for that purpose.—(Laughter).

We have also delegations that come from time to time, some rather worthy of a great deal of assistance, and others which are pretty well sky-larking parties seeing the country under the pretext of representing this or that organisation or association and so on. I notice, however, that most of our delegations get to the point where the women folk seem to have more say than the men themselves and most of their time seems to be given to shopping experiences.

Mr. Arnold concluded by extending the welcome of the Shanghai Rotary Club to members of the Hongkong Club. He assured the gathering that the Shanghai Club would be open to a luncheon to most any of them at their luncheons held every Thursday.

**Mixed Emotions.**

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, on being called upon by the Chairman to express the thanks of the Club to the speaker, said:—Any of you who were watching me when our Chairman spoke just now might possibly have been reminded of a lecture which Father Byrne gave us on the emotions sometime back. He accompanied that talk with a series of diagrams showing faces giving various expressions, one of which was surprise and another consternation, and I think you will find that my face is a mixture of both. I wish—I really wish—that I had the facility that Mr. Arnold has, of getting up and speaking in such a clear and, indeed, very interesting way. On your behalf I thank him very much.

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**EXCELLENT PROGRAMME AT THE H.K.C.C.**

A delightful evening's entertainment was offered on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday, when an open-air concert was staged. A large gathering, including the Shanghai cricket Interport team, was present, and a number of talented entertainers contributed items towards the programme.

The first item was selections by the Hongkong Hotel string quintette, who, by courtesy of the Hongkong Hotel, entertained the gathering with three tuneful pieces. This was followed by two songs rendered by Mr. Ivan Marshall, who sings at the St. Francis Hotel. Mr. Marshall appeared by courtesy of the management of that hotel.

Miss Luba Pecker, who is well known to Hongkong audiences and radio fans, next contributed two piano solos with a delightful tone and technique, and was received with loud applause. Miss A. Silns, a soprano, also contributed two songs, in a mellow voice which was very pleasing.

Perhaps the "hit" of the evening was the item rendered by Lt. A. H. Mussen, singing and accompanying himself on the banjo, assisted at the piano by Mr. True. Later Mr. Edwards performed cleverly on the xylophone, and was also loudly applauded.

It was altogether a splendid evening's entertainment.

**MR. R. P. PHILLIPS.**

**ARRIVAL TO JOIN LOCAL FIRM.**

Mr. R. P. Phillips, a well-known Far Eastern sportsman arrived at Hongkong on Monday by the Saarbruecken to join the firm of H. Rottjance and Son as sales and export manager.

Mr. Phillips has been in China for just over 25 years, having been connected with Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. in Hongkong, and Messrs. Gandy, Ltd., a Shanghai. Previous to that he was in the wine Department of the Army and Navy Stores in London for seven years.

Known to his friends as "Phil," he is an older cricketer, footballer and tennis player, but he now confines his activities mainly to billiards and bowls, in which sport he is keenly interested. He has represented Shanghai in interport matches on numerous occasions. Recently he has been in England, where he played much bowls at the South Coast during the summer. The game at home, he says, is taking on as never before.

Mr. Phillips was an interested spectator at the interport cricket match, especially as five of the members of the team were from the Shanghai Recreation Club of which he was President for seven years.

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The Financial Times, commenting on the Hongkong Currency report points out that it was published before the suspension of the gold standard in Britain. While this fact would have strengthened the decision against immediate stabilisation of the dollar, the knowledge thereof could scarcely have altered the direction of the other arguments.—Reuter.

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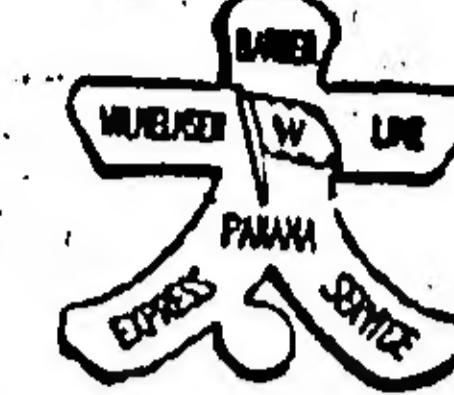
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Brought in as twelfth man, Sub-Lieut. A. E. Hargrave of the Royal Navy was the only player to make anything of a stand against the Shanghai interport cricketers in the resumed match on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground this morning, the newcomer scoring more than half of the total of 146 at the fifth interval.

The Shanghai team compiled a total of 310 runs yesterday and this morning the Services went to bat. The visitors opened promisingly and captured the first four wickets for 38 runs. Elliot

Hargrave, however, put a different complexion to the game when he went to the wicket. Together with Lieut. J. K. MacFarlan, the Interport player, he put on 61 runs for the fifth wicket and temporarily relieved the situation. Wickets began to fall cheaply, two batsmen being dismissed in comparatively quick succession. In the meantime Hargrave was doing most of the scoring and was bringing off some nice shots. At the close of the morning's play he was still undefeated with 78 to his credit.

Shanghai.—310.

United Services.—1st Innings.

Lieut. Com. Skyrme, c Murray, b Elliott	0
Lieut. O. B. Younger, c Leach, b Elliott	4
Lieut. Com. R. J. Shaw, lbw. Elliott	4
Sub-Lieut. Hargrave, not out	78
Lieut. A. C. Hamilton, b Wilson	4
Lieut. J. K. MacFarlan, c Cook, b Booth	29
Lieut. F. F. S. Barlow, c Murray, b Madar	9
Capt. Burnett, c Murray, b Isaacs	5
Capt. E. C. Moir, not out	4
Extras	9

Lieut. A. M. Anstruther, Mid-Hunting and Capt. Mirehouse to bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Elliott	9	1	28	3
Wilson	10	1	22	1
Leach	6	1	28	3
Isaacs	6	—	18	1
Booth	3	—	18	1
Madar	5	—	18	1
Cook	1	—	6	1

THE WEATHER.

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened considerably. There is no information concerning the Guam typhoon.

GANDHI WANTS ALL.

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to such a size as to make it inconsistent with safety. It was a responsibility that no Statesman who had any real regard for interests of India could justify himself in assuming.

Mr. Sastri Disagrees.

Mr. Sastri dissociated himself, and some others of the Hindu delegates, from the opinions expressed by Mr. Gandhi. He was of the same opinion as early last year when they decided that the Army and external affairs had best remain "Crown subjects" during the period of transition. It was with great gratification that he heard Lord Reading reaffirm his approval of responsibility at the centre. The amount of responsibility for which they asked, even with these two great subjects of the Army and external affairs excluded, was sufficient to afford an honourable and satisfactory basis for settlement.

Minorities Report.

The report of the minorities sub-committee was circulated last night, subject to amendment on the basis of any comments received to-day by the Prime Minister from members. The report traces the efforts made since its reassembly to secure an agreement upon various minority claims, and records the informal negotiations which proceeded along with the four formal meetings of the committee. The appendices contain suggestions, and views of the various groups and individuals, including an agreement reached by the representatives of Moslems and certain other minorities last week.

Committee's Failure.

The report says the committee has to record with deep regret that it has been unable reach any agreed conclusion, and refers to the suggestions made at various times that the British Government should settle the dispute on its own authority. It adds, however, that these were accompanied by such important reservations as to offer little prospect of securing an harmonious working.

Finally it records the Prime Minister's offer to give a decision of temporary validity if every member of the committee would pledge himself to work to the scheme loyally, pending the permanent settlement by all interested parties.—British Witness.

CONFISCATION ORDER.

Before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Detective Sergeant Johnson applied for the confiscation of an "Eskaro" revolver and 110 rounds of ammunition, which were found in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon.

C.R.O. 14 found the revolver and ammunition in an unoccupied sampan at 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

His Worship accordingly made an order for the confiscation of the weapon and the ammunitions.

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ALLEGED \$10 NOTE FORGERIES.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE DISMISSED.

UNSAFE TO CONVICT.

Leung Kun was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning with possession of 12 forged \$10 Chartered Bank notes.

Detective Sergeant Johnson, who prosecuted, said defendant had the notes tied up in a packet, and was holding them in his hand. When approached by a Chinese detective he threw the packet into the harbour.

Defendant was arrested and the packet retrieved by Police Officers who found that it contained Chartered Bank notes, which were forged.

His Worship.—You are asking me to deal with the case summarily?

Sergeant Johnson.—I have no other instructions, your Worship.

Evidence was given by a clerk of the Chartered Bank, who testified to the notes being forged.

The Chinese detective who made the arrest said on instructions from Sergeant Johnson, he went to Waterloo Road on the evening of November 15, and saw the defendant getting ashore from a sampan. On witness' approach, defendant threw packet into the sea. This was retrieved and found to contain 12 Chartered Bank notes which were forgeries.

His Worship said the case hinged on the evidence of only one man. The case for the prosecution, he was sorry to say, was rather weak, and on the evidence, it was unsafe to convict.

Defendant was accordingly discharged.

JUNK PIRATED.

A MATTER OF PIGS AND CHICKENS.

The Police have been informed of a piracy on a trading junk of 30 piculs capacity, which resulted in the theft of 18 pigs and 48 chickens comprising the cargo.

The affair occurred near Ping Ho, the boat being stopped and boarded from another junk by five men who were variously armed. Beyond the fact that the pirates stole the cargo and sailed away in an unknown direction there is no mention of what happened to the boat or to the crew. The master Mak Fu has returned to Shaukiwan, arriving this morning on another junk.

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